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Psal. CXXIV. *Ver.* 2. 3.

If it had not been the Lord, who was on our side, when men rose up against us:
Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us.

THough the Romanists, with many specious pretences, have (especially since the Reformation) endeavoured to prove the Unity and Validity of their Church; yet we no where find that they have proposed any thing so material to that

point, but it has been either confuted or considered as a weak Pillar to support a decaying and tottering Superstructure: For I would fain be informed by any moderate Communicant of the Romanists, from whence, or upon what account the Pope of Rome claims a Superiority or Headship? Or why the acknowledgment of the Catholick or Universal Church of Christ should own any Infallible Head upon Earth? And since both the Wispurers and Writers of that Community, that term themselves the Roman Catholick Church, have either waved it, as not to their purpose, or for some other end, equivocated with the Scriptures to support a building upon a sandy Foundation. Before I proceed to the main matter intended, I shall ingive some light into this affair.

It so happened that the Roman Empire having been divided into East and West, the latter especially was extreamly harrassed by the barbarous Nations of the North, so that the Supream Power lay in that of the East, or Greek Empire; and although several Popes of Rome had opposed any sole Headship, or Supremacy one over another, holding all Bishops equal in their Province or Diocess; yet Phocus General to the Eastern Em-

Emperour Mauritius, having murthered this Emperour, his Empress and their Children, and for that disliked and rejected by his own People, what does the then Pope of Rome do, but clap in with him, and the more to gain a Power or Advantage over the other Bishops, by many flattering and insinuating Letters, extol his proceedings. And amongst others we find these Expressions, viz. Let the Emperour Phocus live, and let the Angels clap their hands and rejoyce, that so worthy a Man, whose grateful Influence shines on the Bishop of Rome, is advanced to the Throne of the Eastern world, by the especial Providence of the Almighty: From which time, tho' by what unjust means I leave to the consideration of the Reader, Rome rated her Spiritual Greatness, to fulfill the Prophesie of St. John in his Revelations, &c. And as indeed it was founded upon blood and violence, so has it been hitherto maintained, more than by any other ways or means, as by Racks and Tortures to such as at any time began to inquire into the Authority of that Usurpation, and stir their Errors, and by keeping the more unthinking part of those that adhered to it, in the Region of Ignorance.

rance and darkness, by blinding their understanding with Fables, instead of
Truths, and placing the Traditions
Men instead of the sacred Verity of the wo
of God; and when at any time, where the
have a temporal power, inquiry is made in
their many lying wonders and feigned mi
racles, their superstitions in worship, erro
and absurd contradictions, the answer is, th
they ought to believe, as their Church b
believes, though indeed few of them the
selves know what she does believe; and
this be refused, they are not only hand
with the name of Hereticks, but in dang
of their Lives, and many times expire
Flames, by Racks and Tortures, or la
guishing and lingering deaths, which is
true mark of the Beast, of which St. Joh
speaks, viz. That kills all those that w
not receive his mark in their Forehead,
worship his Image. And this fatal ex
tience has raught the World, by the ma
Massacres, unjust Wars, Burnings,
Dastations, poysoning and stabbing of
narchs, to such a degree, as has made
Infidels blush to be outdone in Treach
and Cruelty, and these mostly falling
those, that with a compliance with the
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talking Gospel, opposed the errors and unwarrantable Traditions of that Church; as their holding a Wafer, after Consecration, to be a God, and no less than the second person in the glorious Trinity, even our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Essential and Corporal, as well in Soul as in Body, with all the substantial parts of a Body, as he offered himself upon the Cross, for the Redemption of the World.

The praying for the Dead, saying Masses for the deliverance of Souls out of Purgatory, attributing to the Virgin Mary the Honours only due to God himself, praying to Saints, adoring Relicks, consecrated Candles, holy Roses, Agnus Dei's, and Confessions to Men, with many other Fables and Fopperies, and for gain-saying these, have flowed a scarlet Sea of Blood, with which, as St. John says, I saw the Woman drunk with the blood of the Saints, and the Martyrs of Jesus, and when I saw her I wondered with great admiration, Rev. 17. 6. And these were they whose Souls cry under the Altar; How long, how long, O God, Holy and Righteous, will it be e'er thou avenge our blood on those that dwell on the Earth? And although as to

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the first of these, our Saviour did declare at the eating the Passover, that the Bread and Wine were his Body and Blood, yet it then, and at all times appeared to be meant only figuratively and mistically; for at the same time when the Bread was eaten, and the Wine drank, his Body remained the same as before, undiminished and untouched, Visible and Corporal, both to be felt and understood; and what more confirms it, was his commanding his Disciples, as often as they did it, to do it in remembrance of him, till his coming, which an imply nothing more, than to leave and ingraft more perfectly, the remembrance of his Crucifixion and Death, in the minds of his People and Church: For as the Passover, which he then eat, was a Type of him to keep up the remembrance and expectation of his coming in the mind of the Jews, so he changed the Misterious Ceremony into a Sacramental Bread and Wine, to mind the Christians, and to put them in a full assurance of expecting his second coming in Glory to judge the World. In many places of Scripture he calls himself a Vine, a Door, a Shepherd and the like, which are only mistical and figurative significations: And so, John the

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Baptist stiles him, the Lamb of God, comes to take away the sins of the World, &c. And as for the Primitive Church, as they all along took it in no other sence, than the Reformed Churches do at this day, viz. That in the blessed Sacrament, we only Spiritual, and by a lively and stedfast Faith, eat and drink his Body and Blood. And to go a little farther in this matter, the Church of *Rome*, contrary even to our Saviours great command, and the use of the Primitive Churches, for upwards of a thousand years, have taken away the Cup from the Laity, only allowing it to the Priests and Princes, and give us only these two silly Reasons for it. First, That the Laity are not sanctified and fitly prepared for so Essential a part, as the Blood of Christ. And secondly, which is to Shouldir the deceit, they bear them in hand, that receiving by a Transubstantiation the intire Body in the Wafer, as Flesh, Bones, Sinews, &c. They no doubt partake of the Blood. Likewise, as for their giving the Cup to Princes, it is to get in favour with them; and in the second place, have the advantage over them, if they refuse to promote the Covetous and Ambitious ends of the Pope and his Clergy,

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which fatally appeared in the Emperor Henry's being poysoned by the Sacramental wine given him by a Fryer: and the like done to King John of England by a Monk, and many other such horrible und unparalelled Villanies.

As for their Praying for the Dead, it is no where Warranted in Scripture, nor mentioned, unless in the Maccabees; where after a Battle, it was thought fit to Pray for the Souls of those that were slain in the Battle; which in the strictest sense, exceeded not good Wishes: And it was the Custom of those times to make Funeral Oration for those that had deserved well of their Country, or lived Piously and Vertuously, thereby to recommend their Memory to Posterity, and Consolate their Friends. It was used likewise in the Primitive Church, and is immitated by us in our Funeral SERMONS: but this was never held by any, before the Roman Superstition brought it in as a way gainful to get Monies, both from the Dying and their Relation: But how miserable will that Man be that puts off the great concern of his Salvation, grounding it on this Error, in hopes of a deliverance,

liverance, may eaſily be determined: for beyond the Grave there is no change of Eſtate, or hope of Repriève; for there the words of the Wiſe Man are truly veriſied, viz: As the Tree falls ſo it lies; as Death leaves us in that ſtate, Judgement will aſſuredly find us. And as for the Middle Region they have lately diſcovered between Heaven and Hell, it is new and fabulous, that no conſidering Man can conclude it ſet up for any other end than to Bug-bare Fools and ignorant unthinking People; tho' it may indeed be called Purgatory, for it Purges ſome millions of Money in a year out of the Laity into the Purſes of the Clergy, being the chief Branch of the Popes Spiritual Revenue: and tho' they hold their Maſſes can Redeem the ſuffering Souls from this place, yet the Wiſeſt of them were never yet able to tell where it is, or whether it be Local; nor indeed is it any where to be found or heard of, but in the Romiſh Church, for the Scripture allows no ſuch place, for there we find thoſe that have done well are pronounced to go into Eternal Joys; and thoſe that have done Ill into Eternal Torments.

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It's true, they quote for their Authority, a passage in St. Peter, about Preaching to the Souls in Prison, &c. which according to the opinion of all Ages, makes nothing for their purpose.

They are contented to Pray for the Dead, but to the Dead; tho' as the Holy Prophet says, There is no Remembrance in the Grave, and altho' it's expressly forbidden and accounted flat Idolatry: for we by the word of God, are strictly enjoyned to observe no Saint, nor Creature, nor Throne, Dominion nor Power; no Heathenish Deity, but only the true God in Jesus Christ: Thou shalt Worship the Lord thy God, and him onely shalt thou serve, *Exod.* 20. And see thou do it not, says the Angel to St. John, I am thy fellow Creature, Worship God, *Rev.* 22. 9. Tho' the Papists in this case, in the number of their Saints, to whom they pay Divine Honours, even exceed the Pagans: nor do they spare to immitate them, in having their Titulars for Countries, as thus: The Pagans Worshipped Appollus in Delphos, Jupiter in Creete, Minerva in Ephesus; And so the Papists in England Worship St. George, in Scotland

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St. Andrew, in Ireland St. Patrick, in France St. Dennis, in Spain St. James, at Millain St. Ambrose, and at Venice St. Mark.

The Pagans had for the Element of fire, Jupiter, for the Aire, Juno, for the Sea, Neptune, so the Papists have Agathus for the fire, Theadulus for the Tempests, St. Barbara for thunder, and St. Nicholas for the Sea.

The Pagans had several Titular Gods, for their Cattle and fruits, as Pon for the first, and Ceres for the last, as also Bacchus for their wind; so the Papists have for their wind Urbanus, once a drunken Priest, Jodocus for their fruits Man, Debinas, for their sheep, Eulogious for their horses, and St. Anthony for their Piggs.

The Pagans had their Titular Gods, for several Professions, as Apollow for Schosers, Mars for Soldiers, Vulcan for Smiths, Diana for Hunters, so the Papist have St. Gregory for Scholers, St. George for Soldiers, St. Loy for Smiths, and St. Crispin, for Shoomakers.

So again the Pagans had their Gods, to pray to in several diseases, as to Apollow, for the Plague, Hercules for the falling-sickness

nels, Lucina for woman in Child-Birth; and so the Papists have St. Rock for the Plague, St Petrenello for the Ague, Appolina for the Tooth-Ach, and Arisastiacis, for the Head-Ache. To these both Pagans and Papists have builded Temples and Churches, erected Altars, ordained Priests, appointed Festivals, set up Statues, and burned Lamps and Candles, by which we may see, they differ nothing in this point, and of this the Prophet Jeremy complains, when he says, why did the Land Perish, and was burnt up like a Wilderness, but because the People walked after Baalam, which their Fathers taught them. And the Psalmist says, walk not in the ways of your Fathers (and again) they follow the generation of their Fathers, which shall not see the light; these men, with the Jews, have framed to themselves a Queen of Heaven, giving that stile to the Virgin Mary, calling upon her in time of trouble, Praying her Divine worship, and in their Rosary, and other books, Blasphemously Attribute to her, what Prophets have foretold of, or Ascribe to our Saviour, tho' God has declared himself a Jealous God, and that he will not give his Honour to another

ther. And now to make this seem no Ja-
delitry, they have taken away the fourth
Commandment, and devided the fifth in-
o three to make up the number.

As for their Crucifixes, Beads, Relicks,
Holy Oyl, Holy Waters, Agnus Dei's,
Blessed Roles, Pardons, Indulgences, Ab-
solutions, &c. They are altoge her new,
and only the Immentions of Couzening
Priests to pick the pockets of the simple lay-
ty, having by that means rather reduced
Popery to a Trade than a Religion, and
as for Auricular confession, it was as all
Authors of our Church agree, to get into
the Cabinet Councils of Princes, that so
they might the better in all places carry
on the interest of Rome, tho' to the hazard,
and ruin of those Princes, in whose bosoms
they ly like snakes, till many times they
sting them to death, holding no blood shead
a crime that is spilt to carry on the inte-
rest of their Church, this Fatally felt Hen-
ry the Second of France, who was with-
out any provocation Kill'd with a Conse-
crated Daggar in his Royal Tent, Sur-
rounded with his Army by one Clement,
a Jacobin Monk, sent for that purpose,
tho' under a fained pretence of delivering
a Pellage; and altho' this King was
of the Romish Communion, yet the Pope

was so far from dissembling it, that he Magnified the Villany, and Canonized the murtherer. By the like fate, and encouragement fell Henry the fourth of France, who was stabbed by Raviliack a Ruffain, as he was passing the streets in his Coath, and we may fear they had too great a hand in the Barbarous Murther of King Charles the first, &c. But should I pass into the bloody field of their many fatal Massacres, Private Murthers, Violation of Faith, Leagues and Oaths, it would amaze, and startle the reader, to think so much wickedness should be in men professing Christianity, or so much as owning the name of Christ; and the better to colour their perfidiousness, when they contrary to the Letters of safe conduct, given them, had burnt the two famous Bohemian Martyrs, Huss and Jerome, they got a decree passed in the Councel of Constance that no Faith is to be kept with Heretick; and such they account all that are note of their Church; a task of which Queen Mary gave us, who after she had promised us Religion and Liberty, was prevail'd with by the wicked Councils of the Priests, to a raging Persecution be the reward of those who had Seated her on the Throne. Which, during her Reign, sucker'd for the confession

confession of a God Faith, five Bishops Twelve Divines, Eighteen Gentlemen, Eighty four Artificers, One hundred Husband men, servants, and labourers Twenty Six Wives, Twenty Widdows, Nine Virgins. two Boys, & two Infants, in all, two hundred Eighty seven, all of them burnt alive, besides Sixteen that dyed in Prison, seven scourged as unmercifully as T. O. and a great many that were found Languishing, and Released by Queen Elizabeth. From which Cruelty and Cruel men, God of his mercy, as he has at present most Miraculously done, preserve and keep these, and all other Protestant Kingdoms, and unite our hearts in the defence of the true Faith and Religion, for the sake of our Blessed Lord and Savi our Jesus Christ. Amen, Amen.

A Prayer for the Preservation of the Protestant Religion, against Popery, &c.

O Lord God, great and Glorious; whose Eys Run too and frow, throw the Earth to behold the ways and Actions of the Sons of men, look upon us thy unworthy servants, and out of the multitude of thy tender

mercys, fence about with thy Almighty Arm the Vine that thy own right hand has planted, water it with the dew of Heaven, that it may spring, and grow up to thy Glory, suffer not the wild Bore of the Forrest to Root it up, nor the little Foxes to pluck off its tender Branches. Guard thy Church, in the Purity of Religion, and soundness of Doctrine against the rage and malice of our enemies, and keep her in perpetual safety, for we of our selves are nothing but our help alone, resteth in thee, O God, through the Merits and Meditation of Jesus Christ our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer of thanksgiving, for our Late Miraculous Deliverance from Popery, &c.

BLessed be thy Holy Name, O Lord God of Israel, who out of the multitude of thy never failing Compassion, has interposed thy mercy, and made bare thy Almighty Arm to save us from

the Jaws of the Lyon, and the Paw of the Bare that were Roaring against us, and ready to devour us, we offer in all humility, our tribute of praise and thanksgiving to thy Divine Majesty, for all thy loving kindness towards us; but more especially for Miraculously saving us at this time, from the Malice and Cruelty of our implacable Enemies, which we beseech thee to continue towards thy Church and People, that we may ever praise and Magnifie thy Holy Name, Amen.

French Persecutions:

Or, what Protestants must expect from *Papists*, if *they* get the power over 'um.

THE Popes of *Rome* when they had no power, and were not arrived at their Greatness, were indeed, against Persecution; but when they had once arrogated to themselves a Spiritual power that commanded the Temporal, and at length incroached upon the Civil Justice in all Kingdoms where the Roman See, by the insinuation of the Clergy, could gain Credit, then, and not till then, the bloody Banner was displayed; but to particularize upon the many bloody Murthers and Massacres, would

be too tedious. It is not unknown to *English Protestants*, that *France* has been the Scourge of *Christendom*, especially that part of it professing the Gospel in its purity: wherefore the better to give them a light into what must be expected if ever a *Popish* power prevail, I shall instance some of their Cruelties.

In the Reign of *Charles* the ninth, though the *papists* and even the King, promised the protestants the greatest security imaginable, yet when they had made them supine or fearless of the Danger, by many Oaths and promises, not only by chance, but by the Kings immediate Order and Decree, they were Murthered and Massacred throughout the whole Kingdom; Women were Ripped up alive, young Children dashed against the Pavement, Embrio's torn from the bleeding Womb, Hoary Hairs stained with Blood, Churches Robbed, Houses Fired, Women Ravished, Virgins Deflowred, and then Murthered with the most exquisite Torments: And before this stream of blood stopped, at which the *Pope* extreamly rejoyced, and stiled it *The Triumph of the Church*, Two hundred thousand of all sorts, Ages and Sex, were slain, beside a greater number that were obliged to leave the Country and all they had behind

hind them. The like has hapned at other times, but more especially renewed in time of this present King *Lewis*, who (set on by the Priests) first put out an Edict or proclamation, *That all persons within his Dominion should turn* Roman-Catholicks: Whereupon all Officers that refused were turned out of places of Trust, even from the *Waggoner* to the greateft *Courtier*: But this the priests thought too Gentle, tho' thousands of Familes was Ruined thereby: whereupon they proceeded to set the *Dragoons* to Quarter upon them at Discretion, and to use them with all manner of Rigor; so that coming into the Towns where the *protestants* lived, and getting knowledge of their Houses, they Intruded themselves, crying, *Turn* Catholicks *or be Killed*: And when they had thus oppress and plundered them eating up all their Provisions, they fell upon their Persons torturing them, by hanging up some by the Heels in smoaking Chimneys, ducking others in Wells till almost stifled, keeping some from sleeping by frequent rattling Kettels and brass Pans over their heads, pricking and tossing them from one to t'other till they had made them distracted, and then force them to sign an Abjuration; their Children they took from them and thrust them into Monasteries, making

making one Gentlewoman, after they had ravished her before her Husbands face, kill him, by putting a Rapier into her hand, and forcing it into his body, but perceiving that this would not do, whilst the Ministers remained, they committed many of them to the Gallies, others they banished, sending them away without their Wives and Children, whom they retained to bring by force to the Roman Religion; those that attempted to escape were many of them surprized and put into dark Dungeons, where for want they miserably perished, their Relations that attempted to relieve them being reduced to the same Condition. The Pope all this while encouraging this wickedness, which how near such usage comes to primitive Christianity, which according to the word of God, is all Gentleness, and the dictates of the Prince of peace, our ever blessed Lord and Saviour, I leave to the Protestant Reader, and conclude. From Popery and its Tenents, *Good Lord deliver us*: seeing even the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

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